

about 500 pirates. Captain Scudon defended himself bravely, and Commandant Serrides came to his assistance, relieving him the following day. Captain Scudon's crew had a French sergeant slightly wounded, two Tonquines killed, and three wounded. The relieving column fortunately suffered no loss.

Towards the end of January, after many negotiations, the head of M. Haite, member of the Delimitation Commission, was found, preserved in lime, and was recognized by some of his friends. The head of another Frenchman, whose name is unknown, was found at the same time. The formalities necessary in such cases having been observed, the last honours were paid to the mortal remains of these two brave men on the 25th January. After a low mass, at which there were present Admiral Bézani, all the members of the Delimitation Commission, Colonel Dugenne, the officers of the Mong-kou garrison, the 11th battalions of Chasseurs, and the Tonquines tirailleurs, the Chancellor of the Presidency, and the members of the Turenne, the coffin was borne to the cemetery to the north-west of the citadel, the scene of the heroic defence. Over the double grave M. Dillon, President of the Commission, delivered a most touching address expressing the regret which all present experienced for their beloved companion and for those who had fought with him to the end. Then the Admiral, in a few striking words, full of patriotism, joined in the regret expressed by M. Dillon and the hope which all choristered in their hearts. Lieutenant Tissery, a member of the Commission, rendered homages to the patriotism, the energy, and the bravery of the 11th battalions of Chasseurs—a-pied, several members of which fell by Haite's side.—Avenir du Tonkin.

OUR PARIS LETTER.

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, 15th January, 1887.

The prestige, if not the fortune of France, is involved in Tonkin, and opinion becomes daily more uneasy, rather than tranquil, respecting the future of that colony. The question of Tonquin sharply divides the French into two classes: one that believes the future welfare and greatness of the country is bound up with colonial expansion, and of which French Indo-China is its most concrete expression; the other that simply views the whole subject as a rash adventure, pregnant with inevitable and increasing responsibilities, and minimizing the influence of France in Europe, while jeopardizing her home defences by draining her in man and money.

The facts, whatever may have been the motive for France extending her frontiers from Cochinchina up to Yunnan, whether as a safety valve for home overpressure politics, or to ultimately annex, by instalments, the Celestial Empire, as a counterpoise to British India, she rashly in where angels feared to tread. Jules Ferry, on whom the opprobrium of the expansion idea has fallen, bravely carried out what Gambetta had delineated. And M. Ferry was supported by the deputies, and indeed by the majority of the nation, till all concerned were brought face to face with China. When the ex-Prime Minister asserted John Chinaman was a *quasi-nigro*, and must pay an indemnity of 250 million francs, he incarnated the gross ignorance entertained about the Celestials.

It has been observed that the Tonquin war has made China a "Western" Power. It has taught her to take stock of her future necessities, to modernize her resources of defence, and to irritate European realms, by considering a state of preparation for war at the best grammar school. We see the Chinese becoming soldiers of the port, who will be able to speak all before them, say the French, and those who China's population is a nursery for armies, she could turn out hosts in comparison with which the blotted governments of Europe would be only a mere fits. But such would require time of course. However, nations progress more rapidly in the economy of destruction than of well being.

The are the prospects, the reflections, that weigh upon, while depressing, the situation in Tonkin. Description is limited in Bureaus, but the Black Flags are as prolific as tadpoles, and spring up, as if the harvest of a Calima-sea sowing. While order does not reign in Tonquin, while the pacification of Delta is bounded by the canons' range, and blockhouses remain blocked by enemies on the loose, the local security remains appalled, and confidence is at a low ebb. The Chinese are not the projects to lay claim to from France or India's speculators to invest in the vaunted El Dorado. Commercially, it is felt that England and Germany are too formidable in the Eastern market to be dislodged, no matter what prohibitive tariff may be voted for Tonquin. France is not made up compete with such a hand, and Jewish producers of cheap goods are as prolific as tadpoles, and spring up, in harmony with local stations and local wants. Prince Bismarck has just stated that no French Minister dare have the courage to state that France, relying on the expectation to repossess S. R. S. I. would be no less display of pluck than a Cubinga—*in case of necessity*—a fresh expedition to Tonquin, or to bring forward any serious *dispositions* for their expense millions on public works to do. Tonquin, Tonquin is becoming a Venetia of France.

Prince Bismarck's declarations in the Reichstag engross all attention. He has cleared the political darkness of much of its obscurity, and has, in a usual, shirked present or future difficulties. There is mixed praise respecting his observation about Russia. It still is accepted as a truth that Germany could never leave the exit and enter the S. R. S. I. at the mouth of the G. and, as much in case of a French attack.

The Chancellor's summary of French amicable relations was just and impartial. His army is singularly well organized, and the military spirit is almost—*at least*—as ever. The Prince was quite correct when he asserted the Government of France wish for peace. And so the vast majority of the nation. There is a noisy kit of German chauvinists, as there are American chauvinists, and they could do nothing. I can say on the bridge after the collision, I got Mr. Ch. W. N. N. He answered: "I was steering when I pulled the whistle rope continually, hardly making any pause between the blasts. The wind was N.W., a moderate breeze. The wave was about half foot, nearly still. The strength of the tide was about two knots. After I heard the whistle, I heard no other sound from the other vessel. My ship was lying across the wave, the wind blowing from the stern, and she could not swing. She was steady. It took me to that morning as it were a fogbank sweeping along the surface of the water. 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Prospective and full particulars may be had on application to the Agent for the above-named Company.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Acting Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1887.

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THE PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENT for the above-named Company is prepared to grant Policies on European and Chinese Lives at current rates.

FRD. NAUDIN.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1887.

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THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HO CHONG.

CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED), \$1,000,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LIN-SIN-SANG, Eng.

BAN HUP, Eng.

YEH CHONG PING, Eng.

CHAN LI CHOY Eng.

Q. HOI CHUNG, Eng.

Published at Oberver Office, Colombo, Ceylon.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1887.

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THE TROPICAL AGRICULTURIST: A MONTHLY RECORD OF INFORMATION FOR PLANTERS OF THE TROPICS.

THE COMPANY GRANTS POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, payable at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are payable to all Contributors of Business, whether they are Shareholders or not.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2 Queen's Road West, Hongkong, 4th March, 1881.

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NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Is prepared to ACCEPT FIRST-CLASS RISKS at 1/2 net per Annum, and other INSURANCES at Current Rates.

AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, Pekin, and the Philippines.

JAS. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1882.

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NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1882.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1882.

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CALEDONIAN FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1805.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS at Current Rates.

PUSTAU & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1884.

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MANNHEIM REINSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS at Current Rates.

PUSTAU & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1887.

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FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877 IN HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are Prepared to ACCEPT

RISKS at Current Rates.

PUSTAU & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1884.

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ARNOLD KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, January, 1887.

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THE Undersigned have appointed Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. R. T. TENNENT, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID COSSAL & SONS, Arbroath.

ARNOLD KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, January, 1887.

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INTIMATIONS.

NOW READY.

THE KUNG HO CHIH YU WALTZ, by R. C. PARAMORE; published by SYDENHAM MOUTRE, THE PIANOFORTES AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE, Shanghai.

12th January, 1887. [03]

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

TRADE MARK.

(A Watch Face with the words "HUNG MEE" in English and Chinese at each side).

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. LEUNG SHIK WAN (邵式武) of the "HUNG MEE" Shop, Honam, Canton, complied with the requirements of Ordinance No. 186 of 1873 for the registration in this Colony of his mark as applied to Tea and the same has been duly registered.

Notice of Registration appears in the Government Gazette (Notification No. 420) of 1883.

Mr. LEUNG SHIK WAN is informed that certain Traders have imitated or used his Trade Mark, and he offers a Reward of \$500 to any Person who shall give satisfactory information in proof of such imitation or wrongful use of the said Mark.

Mr. HENRY J. HOLMES is Solicitor for the said LEUNG SHIK WAN.

Dated this 27th day of February, 1887.

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INTIMATIONS.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLIED TO	TO BE DISPATCHED
LONDON, &c, VIA SUZ CANAL	Thomson (str.)	W. A. Seaton		P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 1st March, at 4 P.M.
LONDON AND HAMBURG	Achilles (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 25th inst.
LONDON AND HAMBURG	Sarah Higgin	Hoek		Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
LONDON AND HAMBURG	Erminta C.	Hoek		Hoek	On 2nd March.
LONDON AND HAMBURG	Cardiganshire (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 26th inst.
LONDON AND HAMBURG	Olympia (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 27th inst.
LONDON AND HAMBURG	Annie (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 28th inst.
LONDON AND HAMBURG	Braunschweig (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 29th inst.
LONDON AND HAMBURG	Tristate (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 30th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA YAMA	City of London (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 31st inst.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA YAMA	City of Liverpool (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 1st April.
SAN FRANCISCO	Princess (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 2nd April.
NEW YORK	City of London (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 3rd April.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Enos Soule	Hoek		Hoek	On 4th April.
VICTORIA (V.I.)	Escot	Hoek		Hoek	On 5th April.
VICTORIA (V.I.)	Hathaway	Hoek		Hoek	On 6th April.
HONOLULU	Thomson (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 7th April.
PORTLAND (OREGON)	Portland (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 8th April.
PORT DARWIN, AUSTRALIA	Port Darwin (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 9th April.
NEW YORK	City of London (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 10th April.
NEW YORK	City of Liverpool (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 11th April.
NEW YORK	City of London (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 12th April.
NEW YORK	City of Liverpool (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 13th April.
NEW YORK	City of London (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 14th April.
NEW YORK	City of Liverpool (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 15th April.
NEW YORK	City of London (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 16th April.
NEW YORK	City of Liverpool (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 17th April.
NEW YORK	City of London (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 18th April.
NEW YORK	City of Liverpool (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 19th April.
NEW YORK	City of London (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 20th April.
NEW YORK	City of Liverpool (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 21st April.
NEW YORK	City of London (str.)	Hoek		Hoek	On 22nd April.